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SUBJECT: ANTAKYA THREE: CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER DATED JUNE 29 FROM CONGRESS-
MAN SAWYER (R-MICH) AND 52 COLLEAGUES TO THE PRESIDENT RE-
GARDING ANTAKYA THREE. BEGIN TEXT: DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:
WE HAVE LEARNED OF THE PLIGHT OF TWO YOUNG AMERICAN WOMEN,
JOANN MCDANIEL OF OREGON, AND KATHERINE ZENZ OF WISCONSIN.
THESE GIRLS ARE PRESENTLY SERVING A 24-YEAR NONPAROLABLE
SENTENCE IN TURKEY FOR THE ALLEGED POSSESSION OF HASHISH.
HAVING ALREADY BEEN IN PRISON FOR FIVE YEARS, IT WOULD SEEM
TO US THAT CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE GIVEN BY THE TURKISH
GOVERNMENT TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PRISONER EXCHANGE
TREATY WITH THE UNITED STATES SO THAT THESE TWO WOMEN CAN
BE PROMPTLY RETURNED HOME. THE PROVISION THAT BOTH NATIONS
AGREE TO SUCH AN EXCHANGE IS BASIC, AND, OF COURSE, NECESS-
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THE GIRLS' PARENTS ARE ELDERLY AND WITHOUT THE MEANS TO
TRAVEL TO TURKEY TO VISIT THEIR DAUGHTERS, AND MAY NEVER
HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SEE JOANN AND KATHY AGAIN UNLESS A
TREATY IS NEGOTIATED.

AS YOU KNOW, THE UNITED STATES HAS A PRISONER EXCHANGE

TREATY WITH BOTH CANADA AND MEXICO. THE IMPLEMENTING LEGISLATION IN THE FORM OF PUBLIC LAW 95-144 IS ALREADY IN EFFECT, AND MANY PRISONERS HAVE ALREADY BEEN EXCHANGED.

WE ARE ADVISED THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF TURKEY HAS A SIMILAR PRISONER EXCHANGE TREATY WITH THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL, AND THAT THEY HAVE EXPRESSED AN INTEREST IN ENTERING INTO SUCH A TREATY WITH THE UNITED STATES BECAUSE THEIR TREATY IS ALREADY IN FORCE, AND IS BROAD ENOUGH TO ACCOMMODATE SUBSEQUENT TREATIES WITH OTHER COUNTRIES. WE ARE ALSO ADVISED THAT THE STATE DEPARTMENT IS STUDYING THIS PROPOSAL, AND WE THINK THAT NEGOTIATIONS COULD BE COMPLETED PROMPTLY SO JOANN AND KATHY COULD SERVE THE REMAINDER OF THEIR SENTENCES IN THE UNITED STATES.

WE ARE EXCEEDINGLY SYMPATHETIC WITH THE SITUATION OF THESE WOMEN, AND WE URGE YOU TO DO ALL THAT YOU CAN TO ENCOURAGE PROMPT ACTION ON THIS MATTER OF GREAT CONCERN. END TEXT.

2. IN RECENT WEEKS, SAWYER HAS ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS INSERTED ITEMS IN CONGRESSIONAL RECORD ON ANTAKYA CASE. TYPICAL WAS FOLLOWING INSERTION, DATED JUNE 26: BEGIN TEXT: MR. SAWYER, MR. SPEAKER, IN RECENT DAYS, I HAVE BEEN COMMUNICATING TO YOU THROUGH VARIOUS MEANS, MY DESIRE TO SEE ESTABLISHED A PRISONER EXCHANGE TREATY WITH THE UNCLASSIFIED

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GOVERNMENT OF TURKEY.

I AM PARTICULARLY CONCERNED FOR THE WELFARE OF TWO YOUNG AMERICAN GIRLS, MS. KATHERINE ZENZ AND MS. JOANN MCDANIEL, IMPRISONED IN TURKEY FOR POSSESSION OF HASHISH. THEIR ORIGINAL SENTENCES OF DEATH WERE COMMUTED TO 24 NONPAROLABLE YEARS, OF WHICH THEY HAVE SERVED 5.

TO DATE, I HAVE HAD A GREAT DEAL OF CORRESPONDENCE FROM CONCERNED INDIVIDUALS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY. IT IS HEARTENING TO SEE SO MANY PEOPLE TAKING AN INTEREST IN THIS MATTER, AND IT IS MY GOAL TO SEE THESE AMERICAN CITIZENS RELEASED INTO THE CUSTODY OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION, I ENCLOSE IN THE RECORD THE MOST RECENT LETTER THAT I HAVE RECEIVED FROM MR. AND MRS. FRANK WERMES, OF FOND DU LAC, WIS. MR. AND MRS. WERMES HAVE WORKED CONTINUALLY FOR THE RELEASE OF THE TWO GIRLS EVER SINCE THEY READ OF JOANN'S AND KATHEY'S ARREST AND SENTENCING IN A MILWAUKEE JOURNAL ARTICLE SOME YEARS AGO.

DEAREST HONORABLE HAROLD S. SAWYER: WE HEARTILY APPRE-

CIATE YOUR INFORMATIVE LETTER DATED JUNE 13, 1978. GOD
BLESS YOU FOR YOUR SINCERE EFFORTS OF CARING OVER KATHY

ZENZ AND JOANN MCDANIELS.

WE URGE YOU AGAIN IN THIS LETTER TO ACTIVELY PURSUE YOUR
CAMPAIGN WITH YOUR COLLEAGUE IN CONGRESS TO EXPRESS THE
EARNESTNESS OF A PRISONER EXCHANGE. ESPECIALLY THROUGH
A TREATY SINCE THE TURKISH LAW IS NOT VALID IN THE UNITED
STATES.

SINCE WE ESTABLISHED OUR NATIONWIDE LETTER WRITING CAMPAIGN
TWO YEARS AGO, IN BEHALF OF KATHY AND JOANN, WE RECEIVE
WEEKLY LETTERS FROM PEOPLE ALL OVER OUR U.S.A. AND PEOPLE
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WHO ARE HEARING OF OUR WORK, TO PLEAD WITH OUR U.S.
OFFICIALS TO BRING OUR AMERICANS HOME. ESPECIALLY, OUR
MEN WHO SERVED IN THE U.S. SERVICES WHO HAVE BEEN STATIONED
IN TURKEY. KATHY ZENZ AND JOANN MCDANIELS KEEP IN CLOSE
CONTACT WITH US.

WE CAN HONESTLY WRITE TODAY THAT BOTH, YOUNG WOMEN HAVE
HEALTH PROBLEMS. BOTH ARE DEPRESSED AND FEEL THEIR COUN-
TRY HAS FORSAKEN THEM. KATHY ZENZ SERVED HER COUNTRY
BEAUTIFULLY AT THE FITZSIMMONS VETERANS' HOSPITAL OUT IN
THE STATE OF COLORADO. DAILY WORKING WITH THE BATTERED AND
SHATTERED MINDS OF RETURNING U.S. VIETNAM SOLDIERS. HER
HEART ACHED FOR EACH ONE OF THEM.

IT IS FINE TO SEE THAT MR. AND MRS. HAROLD MCDANIELS HAVE
ONCE MORE RALLIED TO THIS URGENT PLIGHT. THE AGED ZENZ
DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO TO HELP, WE HAVE RECEIVED LOVELY
LETTERS FROM THEM AT LANCASTER, WISCONSIN. WE KNOW YOU
KEEP IN TOUCH WITH THEM. IN WISCONSIN MY DEAR FRIEND,
REPRESENTATIVE EARL MCESSY, STATE CAPITOL, MADISON, WISCON-
SIN HAS JOINED WITH REP. DAVID CLARENBACH TO INTRODUCE AND
PASS LEGISLATION TO BRING KATHY AND JOANN HOME.

WE PLEAD WITH YOU AT THIS WRITING TO IMPRESS UPON YOUR
COLLEAGUES NOT TO FORGET OUR TWO, YOUNG (AMERICANS).

PRAISE THE LORD FOR YOUR DILIGENT EFFORTS. FRANK AND I
WILL NEVER GIVE UP OUR WORK UNTIL KATHY AND JOANN ARE HOME.
THANK YOU, YOURS TRULY, MR. AND MRS. FRANK WERMES.
END TEXT. VANCE

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